

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Park Plaza Hotel, Helena, Montana

Draft Minutes
January 9, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting of the Standards Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Steve Nardi at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present

Steve Nardi, Mike Sherwood, Bill Snell, and Fritz Gillespie

Other Interested Parties

Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender; Harry Freebourn, Administrative Director; and Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 10, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

Update on Caseload Management Tool

The valuations on some case types are being fine-tuned. Chief Hood is working with managing attorneys in Kalispell and Missoula to break felony cases into three classes. They may also decide to reduce the value of involuntary commitment and dependent neglect cases. The revised values will be discussed with the Labor Management Committee and a recommendation will be ready for the Commission at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Crichton was interviewed by the consultants from American University and he asked what their next steps will be. Chief Hood will discuss the status of the independent evaluation they are conducting during her report.

Old Business/New Business

There was no additional business to discuss.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.